

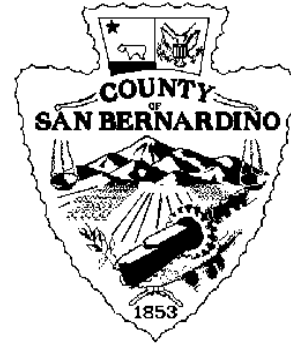
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Wrightwood Community Meeting on Fire Threat Scheduled for Wednesday

WRIGHTWOOD – First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt will host a community meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Wrightwood to discuss the current wildfire situation and community preparedness.

The meeting will include up-to-date reports on the Station Fire burning in the Angeles National Forest and will be jointly conducted by San Bernardino and Los Angeles County officials, as well as the incident command team from the Station Fire.

Supervisor Mitzelfelt joined County Fire Chief Pat Dennen in a helicopter flight near the eastern boundary of the Station Fire.

“Based on our observations from the air today, we feel comfortable that San Bernardino County mountain communities, including Wrightwood, are not in imminent danger,” said Supervisor Mitzelfelt. “However, we will remain vigilant while encouraging residents to prepare.”

“We feel confident that there is no immediate threat to Wrightwood due to the numerous canyons and mountains between the Station Fire and Wrightwood, including several areas that have burned recently and would serve as fuel breaks,” said Chief Dennen. “Nevertheless, residents will likely continue to experience heavy smoke and ash, which serves as a reminder to always be prepared.”

County Fire personnel will continue to monitor the progress of the Station Fire from the air as well as from the incident’s command post. Weather changes could still affect the fire’s behavior, which can be unpredictable.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today visited San Bernardino County and proclaimed a state of emergency due to fires burning in the region. San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gary Ovitt also signed an emergency proclamation today in response to fires in the County. The County proclamation will be ratified by Supervisors at an emergency meeting to be held Tuesday.

Who: *Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, Fire and Law Enforcement officials*

What: *Community meeting to discuss possible threat from Station Fire and what residents need to do to prepare.*

Where: *Wrightwood Elementary School, athletic field, 1175 State Highway 2*

When: *Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 7 p.m.*